

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate approval of the **drawings filed**

July 11, 2001.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return the initialed PTO/SB/08 for the **Information Disclosure Statement**, recently filed on **March 18, 2005**, with the next paper from the Office.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112, second paragraph rejections. The claims are amended herewith to remove any ambiguities.

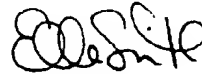
Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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